Departments and have limited number of seats. Moreover, the trained staff of the Ministry often goes out of the Ministry on promotion, deputation and transfer and fresh staff joins in their place.

(c) Keeping in view that 10 typists and stenographers cold be covered in one year, the existing staff could be given training in Hindi typing and stenography within a period of two years.

Promotion of Engineers in CPWD

5292. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2375 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the CPWD has followed the D.O.P.T. guidelines regarding the consideration zone for promotion to the post of Executive Engineer (C) Against which 314 Assistant Engineers (C) have been promoted to the post of Executive Engineer (C) on regular basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:—

Year	No. of vacancies	No. of candidates		
		Normal Zone	Extended Zone for ST	Tota
1994-95	182	368	6	374
1995-96	239	482	5	487
1996-97 (Upto 28.10.96)	176	356	3	359

(c) Does not arise inview of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Proposal to Decongest Old and Ancient Cities

5293. SHRI B. J. PANDA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to decongest the cities, particularly old and ancient cities;

(b) if so, the cities identified and fund earmarked for the purpose in Ninth Plan; and

(c) the details of the plan formulated and the steps taken to tackle the problems arising out of congestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A scheme for New Township Development was posed to the Planning Commission for an allocation of Rs. 100 crores as seed money in the Ninth Plan. The scheme aimed at developing 100 Model new Townships during the Ninth and Tenth Plans to decongest metropolitan/large cities and create satellite towns as engines of economic growth. The scheme has not been cleared by the Planning Commission due to paucity of funds. Therefore, at present no such scheme is in operation.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†5294. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the offices under his Ministry where there is not a single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi -typewriter, so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official language in its. annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) All the offices under the Ministry of Urban Development except 14 field offices of Central Public Works Department have either Hindi typewriters of Computer with Hindi software of both. A list of those CPWD offices not having Hindi typewriters is enclosed as Statement. *(See* below)

(b) The offices of Central Public Works Department, which do not have Hindi typewriters, are new offices and in most of them computers with Hindi software are available.

(c) Since most of the work in all the offices under the Ministry, are being done by using Computers, the Hindi typewriters are generally not required. However, wherever typewriters are required, only Hindi or bilingual-typewriters are purchased.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.